

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, February 4, 2002

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1909. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, *to require the establishment of a unified combatant command for homeland security of the United States*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Bond

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S. Res. 203. A resolution making temporary majority appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics; *considered and agreed to.*

Daschle

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Measure Reported:

Special Report entitled "*Phony Identification And Credentials Via The Internet.*" (Senate Report No. 107-133).

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Measure Passed:

Ethics Committee Appointments: *Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, making temporary majority appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics.*

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H.R. 622. Adoption Tax Credit:

Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute.

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Domenici Amendment No. 2723 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide for a payroll tax holiday.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2732 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide a waiver of the early withdrawal penalty for distributions from qualified retirement plans to individuals called to active duty during the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001.

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Grassley (for McCain) Amendment No. 2700 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence.

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Craig Amendment No. 2770 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of Archer medical savings accounts.

Pages S 279-80, D 45

H.R. 622. Adoption Tax Credit (Cont'd.):

A motion was entered to close further debate on *Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698 (listed above)* and, in accordance with Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on *Grassley Amendment No. 2773 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698)*, and, in accordance with Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

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Nomination Agreement:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of Philip R. Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, at 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10:30 a.m.

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Message From the President:

Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2003; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM-68)

Pages S 283-4, D 45

Nomination Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 75 yeas (Vote No. EX. 11), Callie V. Granade, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

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"... I am glad we are moving on this nomination. We have a judicial crisis in the southern district of Alabama where I practiced for many years. I received a letter from our chief district judge, Judge Charles Butler, who underscored the need to get this position filled. He is the only active judge who is serving now in that district. The district is authorized three judges with a fourth approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States. One of these vacancies--the one being filled today--will be the longest district court emergency vacancy in the country, one that is a crisis because we have so few judges and such a heavy caseload. So I really appreciate the willingness of the Senate to move this nomination forward today..."
(Sessions, Pages S 276-7)

Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of February 5 Through February 9, 2002:

Committee on the Budget: 2/5/02 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003. SD- 608.

Committee on the Budget: 2/6/02 & 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003. SD-608.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of February 5 Through February 9, 2002 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 2/5/02 @ 2:30 p.m. Full Committee, to hold

hearings to examine the implementation of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (P.L. 107- 71). SR-253.

Committee on Finance: 2/5/02 @ 2:30 p.m. To hold hearings to examine certain revenue proposals within the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003. SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 2/5/02 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the impact of the Enron Corporation collapse on the company's 401(k) retirement investors. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 2/6/02 @ 9:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of *Jeanette J. Clark*, to be an *Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia*. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 2/7/02 @ 10:30 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings on **S. 1867**, to *establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks* Upon the United States. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 2/8/02 @ 9:30 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of *Nancy Dorn*, of Texas, to be *Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget*. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 2/8/02 @ 10:30 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of *John L. Howard*, of Illinois, to be *Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals*; and the nomination of *Dan Gregory Blair*, of the District of Columbia, to be *Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management*. SD- 342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the fall of the Enron Corporation, focusing on protecting pensions of working Americans. SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold oversight hearings on legislative proposals relating to the statute of limitations on claims against the United States related to the management of Indian tribal trust fund accounts. SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: 2/5/02 @ 2:00 p.m. To hold hearings to examine issues surrounding human cloning, focusing on medical research. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 2/6/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine accountability issues surrounding the fall of Enron Corporation. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. *Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226.*

Committee on the Judiciary: 2/7/02 @ 2:00 p.m. *Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. SD-226.*

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on Indian Affairs, 2/26/02 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings on rulings of the United States Supreme Court affecting tribal government powers and authorities. SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs , 2/27/02 @ 2:00 p.m. To hold oversight hearings on the management of Indian Trust Funds. SD-106.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3669. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to empower employees to control their retirement savings accounts through new diversification rights, new disclosure requirements, and new tax incentives for retirement education; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Portman

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H.R. 3671. A bill to require investment advisers to make prominent public disclosures of ties with companies being analyzed by them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

Hastings

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Enron Collapse.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of February 5 Through February 9, 2002:

Tuesday, Consideration of the following Suspension:

S. 1888, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code.

Committee on the Budget, 2/5/02 @ 2:30 p.m. Hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2003. 210 Cannon.

Committee on the Budget, 2/6/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2003. 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 2/6/02 & 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearings on "The Enron Collapse and Its Implications for Worker Retirement Security." 2175 Rayburn.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2/5/02 & 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings on the Financial Collapse of Enron Corp. 2322 Rayburn.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of February 5 Through February 9, 2002 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Government Reform, 2/6/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on "*The History of Congressional Access to Deliberative Justice Department Documents.*" 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, 2/7/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural

Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on *“Problems with the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Tribal Recognition Process.”* 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 2/6/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 2/6/02 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on *“The Operations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR).”* 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, 2/6/02 @ 10:00 a.m. Oversight hearing on Indian Trust Fund Accounts: the Department of the Interior's Restructuring Proposal and the Impacts of the Court Order Closing Access to the Department's Computer System. 1334 Longworth.

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Remark:

The Independent Investment Advisors Act Of 2002. (H.R. 3671)

“...it is essential that Congress do everything it can to restore the public's confidence in the ability of an auditor to provide an independent, accurate, and reliable evaluation of publicly owned enterprises. The Independent Investment Advisors Act of 2002 is a good start in accomplishing this difficult task, and I urge the House to pass it quickly...”

Hastings

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Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., February 5, 2002.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., February 5, 2002.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos